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DPD-8758-59

23 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : Forecast Overrun on APG-53A Terrain Avoidance Radar

REFERENCE : DPD-8719-59 dtd 22 Dec 1959 (undistributed)

1. I have looked over the referenced paper which you signed for [REDACTED] and which was intended for Mr. Bissell. I have also discussed it with [REDACTED] and our combined opinion is as follows:

a. Knowing how sensitive Mr. Bissell is to overruns on equipment contracts, I am a little leery of sending this paper along when the only justification for a 30 per cent overrun is that Lockheed has told us that "several factors" were such that they were revising their estimate. While I am certain that a formal proposal from Lockheed will contain, hopefully, a few more facts, I suspect that para. 3 of the reference would only produce high blood pressure in the DD/P at the moment.

b. As a matter of form, rather than substance, I should like to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Bissell has renamed the old Program Approval, "Activity Program." This has especial reference to para. 4 of the document under discussion.

2. In view of the above, I should like to suggest that action to advise Mr. Bissell in detail about this particular overrun be suspended until a formal proposal is received from Lockheed. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I assume this document will not be proceeding any farther.

SIGNED

[REDACTED]
Acting Chief, DPD

DPD/Admin:JAC/ab

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